



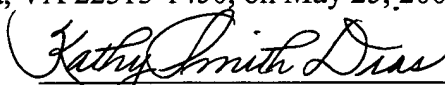
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed February 25, 2004 which set a three-month period for response. Response is due, therefore, May 25, 2004; this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.